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Practice Areas

Appeals; Civil Rights; Criminal Defense; Defense of Professional Licenses; Disability Rights; Mediation; Special Education; School Sexual Misconduct Proceedings; Public Interest Litigation

Profile

Emily Levenson represents individuals and corporate clients in complex criminal and civil matters. Her practice includes federal and state criminal defense, employment matters, and disability rights cases representing clients facing barriers to physical accessibility and access to technology. Emily is a passionate and persuasive advocate who focuses on obtaining the best possible result while serving her clients with compassion.

In criminal defense cases, Emily has appeared frequently in federal and state courts and advocated vigorously for clients from the onset of prosecution through trial, appeal, and post-conviction matters. She recognizes that each client has a story to tell and works with them to do so while protecting their rights and ensuring the best outcome. Recognizing that trial is not always in the client's interest, Emily has fought for and obtained numerous favorable, pre-trial outcomes for her clients, including dismissals of cases.

Emily's civil practice has included high-impact public interest litigation to remove barriers that prevent her clients from participating equally in society. As one of the firm's attorneys representing the National Federation of the Blind, she worked alongside the Department of Justice to obtain a consent decree against Miami University that provided comprehensive relief under the ADA for students with disabilities. In another matter, she litigated against a high-stakes test provider to ensure that her client was provided the exam in braille.

A client of Emily's wrote on Avvo.com: *"Emily was great in walking me through the whole legal process during my case. I knew she always had my best interest at heart and I appreciated her candid feedback on all matters regarding my case. She has been a blessing to me and my family and words cannot explain our appreciation to her and Brown, Goldstein & Levy."*

I would most definitely recommend her services as it has been a pleasure working with her."

Prior to joining the firm, Emily served as a Fellow for the Appellate and Post-Conviction Advocacy Clinic at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, where she represented incarcerated clients challenging criminal convictions in the Maryland trial courts, Court of Special Appeals, and Court of Appeals.

Emily clerked for the Honorable Andre M. Davis on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and for the Honorable Susan K. Gauvey on the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

Education

- University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, J.D., magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, 2007
- University of Maryland, B.A., magna cum laude, 2003

Bar Admissions

- Maryland

Representative Cases

- *Dudley v. Miami University* - Obtained consent decree on behalf of blind student that will ensure equal access to educational materials.
- *Nightingale v. Seattle School District* - Obtained consent decree on behalf of a blind mother that will ensure the accessibility of the district's programs, services, and activities to blind students, faculty, and parents.
- After filing lawsuit in federal court, reached agreement pursuant to which a blind woman was permitted to take a high-stakes exam in braille.
- Negotiated agreements on behalf of teacher seeking to remedy workplace discrimination.
- Obtained multiple dismissals of criminal charges in state court against clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Obtained dismissal of a federal criminal indictment against client charged with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute in excess of 50 grams of crystal methamphetamine.
- Obtained a downward variance of 61 months for client charged in federal court with a felony offense.
- Obtained a downward variance of 51 months for client charged in federal court with conspiracy to commit bank fraud.
- Obtained a downward variance of 17 months for client who was a former correctional officer charged in federal court with racketeering conspiracy and drug conspiracy.

Honors

- *The Daily Record's* Leading Women Award, 2017

Memberships

- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- American Bar Association
- Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys Association
- Disability Rights Bar Association
- Maryland State Bar Association
- Homeless Persons Representation Project, Board Member
- Bolton Hill Nursery School, Board Member

Teaching Experience

- Adjunct Professor , University of Maryland Frances King Carey School of Law: Written and Oral Advocacy

